



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Takenori Idehara et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2152
Application No.: 09/961,363	)	Examiner: Ramsey Refai
Filed: September 25, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 5946
For: NETWORK DEVICE CONNECTING	)	
SYSTEM, DATA TRANSMISSION	)	
DEVICE, DATA RECEIVING	)	
DEVICE, AND PORTABLE	)	
TERMINAL	)	

**DECLARATION BY TAKENORI IDEHARA**

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Sir:

I, the undersigned Takenori Idehara, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/961,363, filed September 25, 2001. I made the invention while I was an employee of Minolta Company, Ltd.

2. I conceived of the invention prior to September 12, 2000. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of an invention disclosure form that I prepared and submitted to the Intellectual Property Department for Minolta Company, Ltd. The lower right corner of the form shows a date stamp indicating that it was received in the Intellectual Property Department on March 2, 2000. The invention was identified by Reference No. "AK5241", which is written on the first page of the invention disclosure form. An English translation of the form is also included with Exhibit A.

3. On May 26, 2000, a copy of the invention disclosure form was sent to a Japanese patent firm, Hatta & Associates, to prepare a patent application. Exhibit B is a copy and translation of the letter forwarding the application.

4. Exhibit C comprises copies and translations of correspondence from Hatta & Associates to the Intellectual Property Department of Minolta Company, Ltd., pertaining to the preparation of the patent application. The draft of the application was transmitted to the Intellectual Property Department on September 21, 2000.

5. Exhibit D is a copy and translation of a letter dated September 27, 2000, from the Intellectual Property Department to Hatta & Associates, approving the draft of the application and requesting that it be filed. I am informed that the application was filed in the Japanese Patent Office on September 28, 2000.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are being made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application identified above or any patent issued thereon.

Oct. 26, 2007  
Date

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